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## MEADE STATE BANK,

MEADE, KANSAS.

Designated Depository of Meade County

This bank is distinctively a cattlemen's and stockgrower's bank. We solicit the business of the legitimate cattlemen and stockgrowers of the southwest. Money on hand at all times for legitimate cattle loans with good margins. NO PURCHASE LOANS.



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MEADE, KANSAS.

### Local News.

B. S. McMeel returned Tuesday night from Topeka.

S. R. Peters left Wednesday for his home at Newton.

Judge Cochran and Judge Martin left for their homes Tuesday.

Mrs. Judd and son Malcolm came in from Wichita Tuesday evening.

Millard Martin came in from Montana last Thursday night, to visit his family.

G. F. Grattan has been retained by the state in the prosecution of the cattle cases.

Mrs. R. P. Smith came in from Wichita last Friday night to visit with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Osgood.

Dr. Fee reports the birth of a ten-pound baby at the home of Dist. Clerk Elliott, last Saturday morning.

Robt. Byrns, who has been sick with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, is reported much better at present.

There will be regular preaching services at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening by Rev. Robinson.

Judge Madison arrived in this city Tuesday evening and convened court. The Lewis cases are being tried at present.

Judge T. B. Wall, of Wichita, is in this city this week attending court. He is defending the Beaty and Lewis boys in the cattle cases.

Joe Phelan, who had charge of the section at this place several years ago, passed through Tuesday night on his way to Liberal.

Will Totheroh is now working in the Leach blacksmith shop, Claud Leach having gone on the road in the employ of the Rock Island.

Louis Boehler received the sad news of the death of his brother in Rock Island, Illinois, last Friday afternoon. Mr. Boehler has the sympathy of his many friends.

F. Sourbeer had the misfortune to break his leg last week. He was riding horseback when the horse stepped in a hole and fell on Mr. Sourbeer. Dr. Leslie was called and set the broken limb.

Section Foreman Cannon informed us Saturday that he now has 14 men in his employ and could use more. He has orders to put in a switch at Jasper, at which place the steam shovel will be at work for about two months, widening the cuts at that place.

Messrs. Putnam and Waldo, of Richmond, Kansas, who were in our city last week, purchased 65 head of horses and mules in this and Beaver counties, which they drove to Garden City to ship to their home in Franklin county. They purchased 20 head of horses from Rube Orr, at a good price.

J. T. Bosley, who recently purchased the Kirby place in Fowler township, was in the city last Friday. Mr. Bosley is in the cattle business and handles a good grade of cattle, and is well pleased with the outlook. We are glad to see these substantial citizens coming into our county, as we cannot have too many of them.

B. S. McMeel left last Friday morning for Topeka, where he goes as City Treasurer to deliver the new funding bonds to the bond holders and to receive the old ones for cancellation. He went by way of Dodge City so that Judge Madison might examine the bonds and see that they were correct. About noon W. C. Osgood Jr., City Clerk, received a telegram which compelled him to make a trip to Dodge City to complete the bonds. He went overland, accompanied by D. B. Stutsman, returning Saturday evening.

J. G. Clark, of Crooked Creek twp., was in the city last Saturday with his fine imported French Percheron stallion which he recently shipped from Iowa. It is a fine dapple gray and weighs 1650 pounds. Dick Skinner and John Sims, the horse experts, pronounce him the best bred animal ever shipped into this county. Mr. Clark also shipped another black stallion from the same place, and intends to stand both of them at his place west of Fowler. We are glad to see such good horses being shipped into the county. The better the grade the higher the price your horses will bring. It pays in the long run to have the best of everything.

For the latest dress goods call at Wehrle's.

We publish the final tax notice in another column.

The Baptist Institute begins in this city to-morrow.

Doc Anshutz was up from the Cimarron Tuesday.

Gold and tinsel braid, also new styles of belts at Wehrle's.

A complete stock of everything in the dry goods line at Wehrle's.

Andor Eliason and Hans Erickson were visitors at this office Tuesday.

Mr. Angell, of West Plains twp., made this office a pleasant call Tuesday.

Call and see the new styles of dress goods and trimmings at Wehrle's.

Expert Accountant Stag left on Wednesday morning for his home in Topeka.

For the latest line of spring millinery, call and inspect the stock at Wehrle's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray came in from Wichita Wednesday to visit for several days with Mrs. Gray's parents.

The condition of Herman Wilkey who is sick with rheumatism, was worse last week, but is improving at present.

Sample copies of THE NEWS will be sent to anyone upon request or if any of our friends desire a copy sent to anyone just speak out.

Mrs. Wehrle has received a new spring line of millinery in ladies and children's hats. Also the latest novelties. Call and examine these new spring goods.

Mr. George Schmoker returned Wednesday evening from Kansas City where he had been with his mother, whom he left there under medical treatment.

Claud Leach is now employed as brakeman on the work train. He left for Herrington last week, but when he got to Bucklin he was ordered to go to work here on the above named train.

W. T. Rountree was down from Fowler Friday, having been summoned as a juror. He joined the large number of News readers, and is now one of us. Mr. Rountree is one of the new residents of Fowler township, having moved there from Missouri last year.

FOR SALE—Two fine Black Percheron Stallions, 16½ hands, weight 1600 and 1700 lbs., also two Black Mammoth Jacks with white points, 15 and 15½ hands, six and seven years old. Can be seen at livery stable, Cimarron, Kansas. Inspection cordially invited. Address J. P. EMERY, Cimarron, Kas.

Two Mormon evangelists slid into Kenton, Friday evening, but stayed only an hour or two, going from here to New Mexico where they distributed circulars calculated to convince people that Mormonism is right. Two more Mormon proselytes are working the territory of Oklahoma and will probably be in this neck of the woods in the near future.—Cimarron News.

Homer H. Eidson of Optima was in town last Friday on business. Homer is going to Eagle City, Alaska, in May with George Mulligan as a member of the Eagle City Placer Mining Development Co. John Mulligan, A. J. Hughes, Albert P. Carter, Lyman Savage, John J. Grimmer, Harry Clark and several others will also go as members of the company.—Hardesty Herald.

Owing to the prevalence of smallpox Liberal is quarantined against hoboos from railroad camps in Beaver county, also against letting the Rock Island unload any more hoboos from the east in Liberal. If these tramps are not permitted to go out of the county by way of Liberal as they came into the county, as soon as warm weather arrives, tramps will scatter over the county and spread smallpox. The authorities of the county should establish a patrol and confine graders to the right-of-way, and when any of them quit a job, round up the bunch and make them walk out of the county on the line of the railroad, and not permit them to scatter over the county. If no other way suggests itself for getting rid of the hoboos, and they will not be permitted to enter Kansas or Texas on foot, load them in stock cars, throw in a few bales of hay and seal the doors, then bill them to Kansas City with directions that they be thrown into the Kaw on arrival.—Hardesty Herald.

### A Verdict of Acquittal.

The case of the State of Kansas vs. Geo. W. Wiley came to trial last Tuesday morning. The case was tried by Judge Cochran. A jury was impanelled Friday composed of the following: J. O. Padgett, Don T. Edwards, John Frame, Geo. Fowler, Jerrie Emmert, Butler Wood, Oliver Frame, Chas. Green, Ira C. Rees, J. H. Butler, D. C. Mahan, W. E. Green.

In this case Mr. Wiley was charged with embezzlement of county funds while county treasurer. The information contained several counts or charges of illegally dealing in tax sale certificates. These certificates taken out in the name of Geo. W. Wiley and others on certain tracts of lands for small sums of money, and which were redeemed by the owners for the full amount of taxes, were the principal matters in dispute. The prosecution contended that these were the means used by the defendant to bleed the treasury of money. They introduced their evidence and made what was considered a strong case of embezzlement. Mr. Grattan made the opening argument for the state, the closing by Judge Martin, of Topeka.

The defense did not deny that a shortage existed but claimed as a custom had existed, that the defendant had a right to deal in these tax titles and that he did not intend to deprive Meade County of the money.

The attorneys for the defense were S. R. Peters, F. C. Price, H. J. Bone and the local attorneys.

The verdict of not guilty is being general discussed by everyone. A great many believed that the result would be another hung jury, very few, if any, believed that it would be an acquittal.

A very large majority of the people of Meade County backed the County Commissioners in the prosecution of this case, and while the verdict of the jury releases the criminal charge against Mr. Wiley, the fact still remains that a shortage of several thousand dollars still exists in the treasury, and the question with the people is, where is this money and who will have to be responsible for it?

### A Bold Robbery.

From the Ashland Clipper, March 21. Hon. Claude Duval and his brother-in-law, C. F. White, were held up in true western style at Englewood last Friday night and relieved of cash to the amount of \$36.

Messrs. Duval and White were in Ashland in the morning and drove to Englewood, expecting to take the morning train. They were down interviewing the merchants until darkness came on, when they started to the hotel down near the depot. Somewhere between town and the hotel, two men stepped in front of them and ordered "hands up" which request was complied with and the bandits searched the victims, obtaining the above amount of money.

The bandits wore no masks, as the intense darkness rendered identification impossible. Each held the regulation six-shooter, and each went through the pockets of his man in "green horn" style, but very discreetly took only cash.

Parties in Englewood were suspected but neither the parties nor money could be identified.

### EDUCATIONAL.

As the schools of the county are nearly all closed and everyone busy with their spring work we will close the associations and not hold another until after our Normal Institute, and then start in earnest.

I have not received all the papers and grades from the teachers holding examinations, and those who have not sent them in may hold them until the last examination and return both lots together.

I will not order diplomas until such grades are received as there will probably be a very small number of diplomas granted, as the different schools of the county do not carry all the studies included in the examination questions, but will be carried over until next spring, so that those taking this examination then will just be examined in the studies missed this year.

An examination will be held in Meade, April 19th and 20th for the benefit of those who did not take it in the country districts.

Visited the following schools:

Dist. 16, Linna Petefish, teacher; Dist. 25, Jennie Barragree teacher; Dist. 14, Grace Conlin, teacher. MAGGIE MARTIN, Co. Sup't.

### From the Cimarron Sentinel.

Two Spearville merchants shipped out \$905.72 worth of eggs during the month of February. Here's a record that's not to be snuffed at—and by the way, neither is the town of Spearville. It is a much smaller town than Cimarron, but does twice the business. The merchants of the town advertise.

The large pump at the Santa Fe pumping station, or perhaps we should say the water in the well, is a sure and never failing weather barometer, the pump indicating the approach of a storm by throwing up murky or muddy water. When the muddy water begins to flow it is a cinch bet that it will storm within twenty-four hours. Geo. Wallace, manager of this department of the weather bureau service, predicted Monday's storm on Sunday, and he has not missed it in a single instance this winter. Here is something for the wise heads to ponder over.

Mike Sutton, of Dodge City, who still has a tail hold on the office of Internal Revenue Collector for Kansas, was in Cimarron last Saturday on legal business, accompanied by his son, Stuart. Notwithstanding the official gang plank is already being suspended in mid-air in readiness for him to do the grand walk act he is the same genial, jolly old Mike, and will live long in the hearts of the people of western Kansas. He lined up on the wrong side of the political battlefield—that's all—and will be cast into outer darkness for a spell. 'Tis said—but such is life and politics.

Gene Hall, his daughter Vera, and Frank Shay, had a narrow escape from death by poisoning a few days ago. On last Friday a hog's head was cooked in a kettle that had been in use around the house for years. A few slices of the meat put two or three dogs to sleep to wake no more. On the following Tuesday some beans were cooked in the same kettle. The entire party ate of the beans, and all of them were taken sick. Shay partook sparingly of them and was able to care for Gene and his daughter until help arrived. Dr. Hollembeak was called and relieved their sufferings somewhat, and they are now in a fair way to recovery. The Doctor is sure it was poison that did the work but is unable to account for it under the circumstances. It was a close call.

### Program.

The following is the program of the Southwestern Kansas Scriptural Institute which meets at the First Baptist Church, Meade, Kansas, March 29th to April and 1901:

- Opening Address, President.
- Lecture upon the Book of Matthew, W. C. Self.
- Baptism of Jesus, by Matthew, W. T. Gordon.
- Ministry of John the Baptist, by Matthew, A. W. Ihde.
- Temptation of Jesus, by Matthew, Miss Winnie Bonham.
- Mountain-top Experiences of Jesus, by Matthew, J. M. Robinson.
- Parables of Jesus, by Matthew, J. F. Blair.
- Jesus on Trial, by Matthew, H. McD. Thompson.
- Jewish Sects spoken of in Matthew, R. L. Sawyer.
- Feasts Given, by Matthew, Mrs. Alice Bateman.
- The Resurrection of Jesus, by Matthew, M. S. Jones.
- Miracles of Jesus, by Matthew, C. D. Price.
- Triumphal Entry, by Matthew, Jerry Hurt.
- The Visit of the Wise Men, by Matthew, E. L. Gay.

### Arena Club.

The Arena Club will meet Thursday evening, April 4th, with Mrs. J. E. Roberts Sr. Subject, "Domestic Economy." Leader, Mrs. O. Hamilton. Each member is requested to be present, as important business is to be transacted.

### Coal! Coal!

A. O. Rosenberry desires to inform the public that he is handling coal. He is selling it strictly for cash.

### For Sale.

I have several span of horses, some cattle and hogs for sale. Also a buggy and wagon. For further particulars, call on or address, J. J. LEACH, Meade, Kans.

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### Furniture

Bed-room, Parlor and Dining-room suits. Rocking chairs, plain and upholstered, Hall chairs, Reclining chairs, Sofas, Divans, Secretaries, Side boards, wash stands, Book cases, Hall trees, and Pretty odd parlor pieces.

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